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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PEREZ COMMENTS ON HIS TRIP TO USSR AND SPAIN.

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1. IN PRESS STATEMENTS DURING LUNCHEON OFFERED
PRESIDENT PEREZ BY FOREIGN JOURNALIST'S ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 10, HE COMMENTED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE
FSNE USSR (NOVEMBER 24-29) AND
SPAIN (NOV. 29).

2. USSR VISIT: PEREZ SAID THAT A VISIT BY A LATIN
AMERICAN LEADER TO THE SOVIET UNION TEN OR TWENTH YEARS
AGO WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE SINCE OBJECTIVE
REALITIES OF WORLD POLITICS WOULD NOT HAVE PERMITTED
IT. BUT IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN AN AUTHENTIC
REVOLUTION WITH THE CREATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL
POLITICAL ORDER, WITH THE CONSEQUENT DISAPPEARANCE
OF BIPOLARITY AND THE EMERGENCY OF MULTIPOLARITY AND
OF THE THIRD WORLD AS A CENTER OF POWER. THIS NEW
ORDER PERMITS VENEZUELA TO VIEW THE WORLD WITH A
PLANETARY OUTLOOK AND TO MAKE MANIFEST ITS DISAGREE-
MENT WITH THE POLITICS OF BLOCS "WHICH DIVIDE THE
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WORLD" AND PERMIT.....THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL POWERS

TO ESCAPE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PROGRESS OF MANKIND." THUS THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, "A COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE HAVE NO IDEOLOGICAL AFFINITY.....ACCORDS WITH OUR CONCEPT OF A UNIFIED WORLD IN WHICH (VENEZUELA)..... CAN HAVE RELATIONS WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE EARTH." HE CLOSED HIS REMARKS BY NOTING THAT HIS VISIT TO THE USSR WILL OPEN NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR COMMERCE AND PERMIT AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND POSSIBLE TIES IN THE BATTLE OF THE THIRD WORLD FOR SELF-LIBERATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NIEO.

3. VISIT TO SPAIN: PEREZ PRAISED ONCE AGAIN (CARACAS 12376) THE IDEA THAT THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF SPAIN IS AN IRREVERSIBLE FACT AND THAT THE KING AND THE GOS UNDERSTAND THIS NEW HISTORIC REALITY (OF DEMOCRACY) AND ARE PREPARED TO AFFIRM IT THROUGH WORD AND DEED. HE SAID THAT THIS PROCESS IN SPAIN WILL STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY IN LATING AMERICA AND THE VITAL PRESENCE OF LATIN AMERICA IN THE WORLD. HE THEN OFFERED VENEZUELAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS, ".....WE ARE INTERESTED IN OFFERING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OUR COOPERATION.....SO THAT THE EFFECTIVE PRESENCE OF THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE CAN BE FELT AS A STIMULUS TO THE GREAT SPANISH EFFORT TO RECONSTRUCT AND PUT INTO ACTION A DEMOCRACY....."

4. COMMENT: PEREZ' CANDID COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE LACK OF IDEOLOGICAL AFFINITY WITH THE USSR AND THE ASSISTANCE VENEZUELA MAY BRING TO THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN ARE IN KEEPING WITH HIS OUTSPOKEN STYLE. HIS HOSTS SHOULD EXPECT MORE OF THE SAME ONCE HE ARRIVES. PEREZ IS NOTED FOR SPEAKING HIS MIND, AND PROTOCOLARY FORMULATIONS ARE OFTEN FORGOTTEN WHEN HE DECIDES TO LAUNCH FORTH ON VENEZUELA'S MISSION AS A DEMOCRATIC LEADER OF THE THIRD WORLD. FOR INFO ADDRESSEES, WE ARE REPEATING A CABLE WITH BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON PRESIDENT PEREZ. VAKY

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